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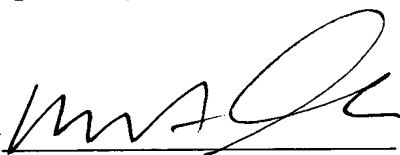
The listed documents were cited either in an Office Action that issued in a corresponding Japanese application or in a corresponding Korean application. It is to be noted that Japan 10-507530 corresponds to WO 9612951, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 19, 2004. Copies of the foreign-language documents, including English-language abstracts, were provided to the Examiner with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 13, 2006, together with copies of the Japanese and Korean Office Actions.

Japan 2003-57213 and JP 10-507530 relate to a non-destruction detective apparatus. Japan 10-185884 relates to the control of an output waveform.

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